

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1        1. A method for capturing an image formed in a physical medium having  
2 imperfections, the method comprising:

3              positioning a physical medium in relationship to an image capturing device  
4 such that the physical medium has a first orientation;

5              capturing at least a first captured image representative of the image formed in  
6 the medium, at the first orientation;

7              positioning the physical medium in relationship to the image capturing device  
8 such that the physical medium has a second orientation, different from the first  
9 orientation;

10             capturing at least a second captured image representative of the image formed  
11 in the physical medium, at the second orientation;

12             analyzing the captured images to identify portions of the captured images  
13 corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium; and

14             forming a corrected image by removing, at least in part, the identified portions  
15 of the captured images corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium.

1        2. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at  
2 least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium through a predetermined  
3 angle.

1        3. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at  
2 least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium 90 degrees.

1        4. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at  
2 least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium 120 degrees.

1        5. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at  
2 least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium 180 degrees.

1       6.     The method as in Claim 1, further comprising:  
2              positioning the physical medium in relationship to the image capturing device  
3              at least an additional time, such that the physical medium has at least a third  
4              orientation, different from the first orientation and the second orientation; and  
5              capturing at least a third captured image representative of the image formed in  
6              the physical medium, at the at least a third orientation.

1       7.     The method as in Claim 1, wherein the at least two orientations of the physical  
2              medium allow image data to be captured by the image capturing device that otherwise  
3              would be blocked, shadowed, or otherwise obscured by a defect or defects.

1        8. A computer readable medium tangibly embodying a program of instructions,  
2 said program of instructions including instructions capable of:

3                 storing, at least temporarily, a first captured image representative of an image  
4 formed in a physical medium, said physical medium having a first orientation when  
5 said first captured image is captured;

6                 storing, at least temporarily, a second captured image representative of the  
7 image formed in said physical medium, said physical medium having a second  
8 orientation when said second captured image is captured;

9                 analyzing the captured images to identify portions of the captured images  
10 corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium; and  
11 forming a corrected image by removing, at least in part, the identified portions of the  
12 captured images corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium.

1        9. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation  
2 is offset from said first orientation by a predetermined angle.

1        10. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation  
2 is offset from said first orientation by 90 degrees.

1        11. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation  
2 is offset from said first orientation by 120 degrees.

1        12. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation  
2 is offset from said first orientation by 180 degrees.

1        13. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said program of  
2 instructions is further capable of storing, at least temporarily, a third captured image  
3 representative of the image formed in said physical medium, said physical medium  
4 having a third orientation when said third captured image is captured.

1        14. An image processing system comprising:  
2              at least one communications interface capable of receiving information from  
3              an image capturing system;  
4              at least one processor;  
5              memory operably associated with said processor; and  
6              a program of instructions capable of being stored in said memory and executed  
7              by said processor; said program of instructions including instructions capable of:  
8                  storing, at least temporarily, a first captured image representative of an image  
9              formed in a physical medium, said physical medium having a first orientation when  
10             said first captured image is captured;  
11              storing, at least temporarily, a second captured image representative of the  
12              image formed in said physical medium, said physical medium having a second  
13              orientation when said second captured image is captured;  
14              analyzing said captured images to identify portions of the captured images  
15              corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium; and  
16              forming a corrected image by removing, at least in part, the identified portions of said  
17              captured images corresponding to imperfections in said physical medium.

1        15. The image processing system as in Claim 14, further comprising an image  
2              capturing system, said image capturing system capable of capturing representations of  
3              images formed in said physical medium and transmitting information associated with  
4              said captured representations through said communications interface.

1        16. The image processing system as in Claim 15, wherein said image capturing  
2              system comprises a media holder, said media holder capable of rotating said physical  
3              medium to position said physical medium in said first orientation and said second  
4              orientation.

1       17. The image processing system as in Claim 15, wherein said image capturing  
2       system is a scanner.

1       18. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation  
2       is offset from said first orientation by a predetermined angle.

1       19. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation  
2       is offset from said first orientation by 90 degrees.

1       20. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation  
2       is offset from said first orientation by 120 degrees.

1       21. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation  
2       is offset from said first orientation by 180 degrees.

1       22. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said program of  
2       instructions further includes instructions capable of storing, at least temporarily, a  
3       third captured image representative of the image formed in said physical medium, said  
4       physical medium having a third orientation when said third captured image is  
5       captured.